

them continued success for many more years.●

IN MEMORY OF MASTER SGT.
PETER TYCZ

● Mrs. CLINTON. Madam President, it is with deep sadness that I stand before you today to honor the life and service of Master Sgt. Peter Tycz, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. I want to express my deepest sympathies to his wife and their five children for their heart-wrenching loss. Master Sgt. Tycz was killed June 12 when his plane caught fire and crashed after taking off from an airstrip in Afghanistan. Our entire nation is saddened by this immeasurable loss and I rise in recognition of his profound contribution to America.

A native of Tonawanda, New York, Master Sgt. Tycz was a Green Beret and the father of five girls, ages 1 to 9: Elizabeth, Samantha, Faith, Tiffany and Felicia. He joined the Army out of high school and was committed to the fight for freedom wherever it took him. He welcomed the opportunity to defend America in Afghanistan. Master Sgt. Tycz wrote in an email to his mother, Terry Harnden, this past fall, which read: "[I] will have to make great sacrifices to make sure our lifestyle is not threatened and I'm prepared to do that." His daughters will grow up knowing that their father was a true American hero who represents the very best of our great Nation.

Master Sgt. Tycz's sacrifice for his country reminds us of the enormous debt of gratitude we owe all of our men and women in uniform—those who risk their lives and, in particular, those who have been lost in the defense of our country. Their courage and steadfast determination keeps America safe and our freedom strong.

We are grateful to Master Sgt. Tycz and the many American service men and women like him who are determined to defend and protect our great country. In that same email to his mother, Master Sgt. Tycz wrote, "Do not ever be sad for me because you will defeat my reason for being." I hope that we will always remember his words and that they will bring us all, most especially his family, comfort and strength.●

PASSING OF JUSTIN DART, JR.

● Mr. MCCAIN. Madam President, our Nation lost a true champion on June 22, when Justin Dart, Jr. passed away in his sleep at the age of 71. Afflicted with polio at a young age, Justin Dart didn't let his wheelchair get in the way of fighting for the rights of the disabled for more than five decades. Today, millions of disabled Americans have more opportunities and better access to public facilities because of the tireless work and dedication of Justin Dart.

From 1988 to 1990, he served as Chairman of the Congressional Task Force on the Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities and was

instrumental in getting the Americans with Disabilities Act signed into law in 1990. To ensure its passage, Justin literally visited all fifty states to educate Americans about the barriers people with disabilities face every day in their lives, and he spent countless days on Capitol Hill to make the ADA a reality.

In 1998, to honor his lifelong public service, President Clinton awarded Justin Dart our Nation's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom, and told those who gathered to honor him that Justin had "literally opened the doors of opportunities to millions of our citizens by securing one of the Nation's landmark civil rights laws." Such tremendous desire to help secure the rights of others defined the life of Justin Dart. America is a better place because of his great work.

I know that I speak for all Americans when I say that we will miss you, Justin, but a day will never go by without us seeing the doors you opened for so many with disabilities.●

LARRY FELDMAN, JR.

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Madam President, today I rise to honor and congratulate Mr. Larry Feldman, Jr., who will be sworn in as President of the Louisiana State Bar Association on June 28, 2002. His assumption of the role of President is the culmination of a lifelong commitment to service in the Bar Association. Larry received his J.D. degree in 1974 from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center and was admitted that year to practice in the State of Louisiana. Since this time he has been actively involved in the Bar Association. Larry has also demonstrated a commitment to excellence in programming on the Continuing Legal Education Program Committee and served as Chairman of the Committee from 1986-1987. He was one of the pioneers of the Sandestin Summer School for Lawyers. He served on the Board of Governors from 1994-1997. He was Secretary of the Association from 1997-1999, a position in which he served as Editor of the Louisiana State Bar Journal. In 1996, he received the LSBA's President's Award, which is the highest award given by the Louisiana State Bar Association to a member for their service to the organization. Through all of his effort, Larry Feldman has clearly demonstrated his dedication to the Association. However, Larry has not only been dedication to the Association, but also to his family. As the father of three daughters, he has shown that giving children a strong sense of self and independence is a great gift. As a devoted son, he has displayed that love, warmth, and support are excellent gifts to parents as they age. And as a husband, he has proven that love is best when it is between equals. Larry is known for his cooking, his quick wit, and his love of a good time. He is much sought after as a lawyer and, more importantly, as a friend. I congratulate Larry for all he has done, both in and out of the courtroom, and wish him the best of luck as

he begins his service as President of the Louisiana State Bar Association.●

HONORING CARL WICKLUND

● Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, I stand among my colleagues today to honor and congratulate Carl Wicklund or Kenton County, KY on being named the 2002 recipient of the Warren H. Proudfoot Award for Outstanding School Board Member.

The Proudfoot Award is named after the late Dr. Warren H. Proudfoot, a longtime member of the Rowan County Board of Education and past president of the Kentucky School Board Association. Created in 1992, the award recognizes a past or present member of a school board for distinguished leadership and community service.

Mr. Wicklund received this year's award due primarily to his work in establishing a special class in conjunction with the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce to allow students considering a career in manufacturing a first-hand look at the industry by visiting area businesses and observing their day-to-day operational procedures. Mr. Wicklund's hard work and selfless acts deserve our recognition.

In order for Kentucky to improve upon itself socially, economically and technologically, education must be a top priority for kids, parents and board members. Only when all three of these groups are working together can we ensure that our youth are receiving the proper educational attention. Carl Wicklund has personally gone above and beyond the call of duty to create more and better opportunities for Kentucky's youth. I applaud him for his hard work and dedication and congratulate him on receiving this prestigious award.●

IN MEMORY OF GUNNERY
SERGEANT JOHN BASILONE

● Mr. SANTORUM. Madam President, today I stand before you to recognize the outstanding service exemplified by United States Marine Sergeant John Basilone. Sergeant Basilone was killed in action fighting at Iwo Jima on February 19, 1942. He remains distinguished as the only enlisted Marine to receive three of the military's highest honors: The Medal of Honor, the Purple Heart, and the Navy Cross.

Sergeant Basilone enlisted in the Army at eighteen years of age and became known as "Manila John" during his service in the Philippine Islands. After receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, young Basilone returned home. It was not long, however, before the soldier rejoined the armed services as a Marine in time for the Second World War. He was a member of the First Battalion under the First Marine Division during the Solomon Island campaign. After a courageous victory there, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. He humbly